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SUBJ: ROK ATTENDANCE AT WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES MEETING

REF: STATE 274663

1. ROKG HAS ISSUED PASSPORTS TO FOLLOWING TO ATTEND WORLD
COUNCIL OF CHURCHES ASSEMBLY IN NAIROBI:

REV. KANG WON-YONG, PRESBYTERIAN, DIRECTOR OF ACADEMY HOUSE;
REV. KIM YUN-SIK, GENERAL SECRETARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
REV. KIM HYON-TAE, PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER; DR. YIM WI-SON,
METHODIST, FORMER HEAD OF SEVERANCE HOSPITAL; REV. PYO YONG-UN,
METHODIST MINISTER; DR. NO CHONG-HYON, DIRECTOR URBAN INSTITUTE,
YONSEI UNIVERSITY.

2. TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION TO ATTEND ASSEMBLY WAS NOT ISSUED TO
THE FOLLOWING: REV. KIM KWON-SOK, GENERAL SECRETARY NATIONAL
COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF KOREA; REV. MUN TONG-HWAN, FORMER PRO-
FESSOR HANKUK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, DR. AN PYONG-MU, FORMER
PROFESSOR AT KOREA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. THREE ARE CONSIDERED
TO HAVE RECORD OF ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY.

3. WE WILL BRING TO ATTENTION OF APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL
DAMAGE ROKG COULD INCUR IN MAJOR RELIGIOUS FORUM SUCH AS WCC BY
REFUSING TO GRANT PASSPORTS TO CHURCHMEN LISTED PARA. 2.
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